

## Remarks

Claims 7-13 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to recite sufficient structural elements. In addition, the expression “outer margin” in Claim 7 had no antecedent basis. Therefore, Claim 7 has been amended to overcome these rejections and place Claims 7-13 in condition for allowance as indicated in the Office Action.

Applicant’s previous Claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by Sargent, and Claim 6 as obvious over Sargent in view of Matay et al. However, one of ordinary skill would have no reason to combine Matay et al.’s magnetic strip 60 with Sargent’s infant table. Such a combination would not appear to serve any useful purpose, so there would have been no motivation to make such a combination. Nevertheless, Claim 1 has been amended to describe a tool tray apparatus including a pair of rigid rods connected to a pad proximate the outer margin of the tray, the rods reducing flexibility of the pad along axes transverse the rods. The claimed tray also now includes at least one additional rod positioned between the pair of rigid rods to further reducing the flexibility of the pad along the axes.

Sargent, on the other hand, discloses a pair of bars 17 and 18 for an infant table but fails to teach or suggest Applicant’s at least one additional rod between the pair of bars 17 and 18. Matay et al. discloses a rigid accessory tray 10. Thus, the references in combination, fail to disclose all of the elements of Applicant’s amended Claim 1, so Claims 1-6 now appear to be in condition for allowance.

The previous Claims 14, 16 and 21 were rejected as obvious over Sargent in view of Topps et al. The Patent Office asserts that one of ordinary skill would combine plurality of storage cavities 36, 38, 40 and 42 in the laptop computer workstation 10 disclosed in Topps et al. with the infant table of Sargent, even though such a combination would appear to provide quite an uncomfortable surface for a baby, especially if the storage cavities 36, 38, 40 and 42 were rectangular shaped ones. Thus, so modifying Sargent’s infant table would seem at odds with its purpose. Nevertheless, Claim 14 has been amended to describe a tool tray including a pair of interior walls and a pair of rigid rods with each of the pair of rods positioned proximate the interior walls. Certainly, one of ordinary skill would not be motivated to make such a combination for use as a table for changing a baby.

Like the previous Claim 6, the previous Claims 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24 were rejected as obvious over Sargent in view of Matay et al. The Patent Office again asserts that one of ordinary skill would add Matay et al.'s magnetic strip 60 to Sargent's infant table, but neither Sargent nor Matay et al. provides a teaching, suggestion or motivation to combine its disclosure with the other. However, the amendment to Claim 14 appears to render this fact a moot point for the time being, as neither reference teaches or suggests a tool tray with a pair of interior walls and a pair of rigid rods positioned proximate.

The previous Claim 19 was rejected as obvious over Sargent in view of Topps, and further in view of Chamberlain et al., which discloses a clay target throwing machine 10. The Patent Office asserted that one of ordinary skill would have modified the infant table of Sargent by not only adding the storage cavities 36, 38, 40 and 42 of Topps, but also adding the ribbed mat 46 Chamberlain et al. provides for an operator seat. However, one of ordinary skill with no knowledge of the applicant's invention would find no motivation arising from the references to add Chamberlain et al.'s ribbed mat 46 to a modified version of Sargent's infant table having the storage cavities 36, 38, 40 and 42 of Topps.

The previous Claim 20 was rejected as obvious over Sargent in view of Topps et al. and further in view of Morset. The Patent Office asserted that one of ordinary skill would modify the bottom surface of the flexible pad 22 of Sargent's infant table to first include the storage cavities 36, 38, 40 and 42 of Topps and further modify the modified version of Sargent's table to include on a bottom of pad 22 the roughened surface 1 of Morset. However, it seems quite unlikely that one of ordinary skill would be motivated to provide such a roughened surface 1 on the flexible pad 22 of Sargent's infant table considering the pad 22 disclosed by Sargent is suspended by a frame including spaced apart pairs of crossed support legs 10 and 11. Such a combination does not appear to be suggested by the references.

Thus it is submitted that by this amendment, the case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any minor issue remains unresolved, a telephone call to the undersigned to expedite allowance and issue is welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,



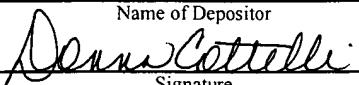
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